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SUBJECT: INDIAN CHARGE IN RIYADH ON SAUDI-INDIAN RELATIONS

REF: A. 09 JEDDAH 297

[B](#). 09 RIYADH 861

Classified By: CDA Ambassador Richard Erdman for reasons 1.4 (B) and (D)

SUMMARY

[1](#)1. (C) According to Indian Charge d'Affaires Rajeev Shahare, the Saudi-Indian relationship has blossomed since King Abdullah's visit to India
NOTICEABLE GROWTH SINCE 2006

[1](#)2. (C) During an August 19 meeting with Poloff, Indian Charge d'Affaires Rajeev Shahare trumpeted recent progress in the two countries' bilat

[1](#)3. (U) The statistics support Shahare's assessment. According to a Saudi Gazette article marking India's national day, Saudi-Indian trade has
OBSTACLES TO INVESTMENT REMAIN

[1](#)4. (C) Shahare acknowledged the relationship was far from perfect, noting a ""disconnect"" between lofty aspirations and the reality on the g
TREATMENT OF INDIAN NATIONALS REMAINS A CONCERN

[1](#)5. (C) Labor issues and treatment of Indians resident in the Kingdom also remained a bilateral sticking point. Despite the increased emphasi
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foreign-labor practices. The Indian government had on several occasions expressed interest in a bilateral agreement protecting the rights of I
ECONOMICS FIRST, POLITICS LATER

[1](#)6. (C) Saudi Arabia's post-2006 bilateral focus on economic concerns has, according to Shahare, begun to blunt Saudi criticism of India on th
SUPPORT FOR BOTH ISRAEL AND THE PALESTINIAN CAUSE

[1](#)7. (C) The Saudis remain critical of India's good relations with Israel, and the Indian government finds it necessary to re-explain its posit
INTOLERANCE UNACCEPTABLE

[1](#)8. (C) India also remained concerned that Saudi funding for religious schools and organizations contributed to extremism in both India and Pe
COMMENT: WHAT'S GOOD FOR THE GOOSE...

[1](#)9. (S) India has significant economic and political incentives to cozy up to Saudi Arabia, chief among them access to Saudi oil and markets, a
END COMMENT.

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